

VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOLLY
SPRINGS, MISS.

FEBRUARY 8, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered
to be printed.

Mr. SPIGHT, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10585.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10585) for the relief of the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, of Holly Springs, Miss., submit the following report:

This is a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, of Holly Springs, Miss., the sum of \$1,100 for use and occupation of its property by United States military authorities for quarters for soldiers in 1862.

The proof shows that during the year 1862 the United States military authorities took possession of the said property and used it for barracks for troops for nearly a year, using the pews for fuel, and the congregation was deprived of its use for more than a year.

Your committee are not inclined to allow for damages to the property, but believe, as a matter of justice, a reasonable amount should be allowed for its use and occupancy, and the evidence shows that \$600 would be the reasonable value of said use and occupation.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments:

In lines 6 and 7 strike out "one thousand one hundred" and insert "six hundred;" and in lines 7 and 8 strike out "damage to said church and destruction" and insert in lieu thereof "use and occupation."